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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE: TRAVEL REGULATIONS
FOR EXTENDED TRIP TO ARGENTINA OF U.S. NATURALIZED CITIZEN,
FORMERLY A CITIZEN OF ARGENTINA

REF: CONGRESSMAN LAGOMARSINO'S LETTER DATED APRIL 10, 1978

1. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 10, 1978, ON BEHALF OF
ONE OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS, A U.S. NATURALIZED CITIZEN, FORMERLY
AN ARGENTINE CITIZEN. THIS PERSON WISHES TO MAKE AN EXTENSIVE
TRIP TO ARGENTINA.

2. IN THE PAST, EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED U.S. NATURALIZED CITI-
ZENS, BORN IN ARGENTINA, WITH LETTERS ADDRESSED TO ARGENTINE
AUTHORITIES REQUESTING THAT EXIT PERMITS BE GRANTED TO
THEM EXPEDITIOUSLY.

3. THIS PROCEDURE HAS BEEN UTILIZED FOR MANY YEARS AND
FOUND TO BE SATISFACTORY. HOWEVER, WITHIN THE PAST 30
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DAYS, CONSULAR OFFICERS HAVE NOTED A FEW CASES OF U.S.
CITIZENS, BORN IN ARGENTINA, WHO HAVE ANCOUNTED DIFFI-
CULTIES IN OBTAINING THEIR EXIT PERMITS.

4. CONSULAR OFFICERS HAVE ALREADY DISCUSSED THIS MATTER
IN DETAIL WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE ARGENTINE MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IN AN EFFORT TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM.

A FORMAL NOTE TO THE MINISTRY WAS ALSO SENT ON MAY 5, 1978, EXPLAINING THAT IT HAS BEEN THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT ARGENTINES WHO ARE NATURALIZED IN THE UNITED STATES, SHOULD BE ACCORDED ALL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES AS AMERICAN CITIZENS, SUCH AS TRAVELLING WITH U.S. PASS-PORTS, THEREBY OBTAINING THE NEED TO OBTAIN OR RENEW ANY ARGENTINE IDENTITY DOCUMENTS.

5. THE EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED A RESPONSE FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HOWEVER, PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT I SHALL KEEP YOU INFORMED ON ALL SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER AS THEY OCCUR.

6. SINCERELY YOURS, RAUL CASTRO, AMBASSADOR.
CASTRO

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